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APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR CONCENTRATING A LIQUID STERILANT AND

STERILIZING ARTICLES THEREWITH

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003 for two(2) month(s) from December 4, 2003 to February 4, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ASP-41/ACF in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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